

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WESTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 11th December 2025
7:30pm at Weston Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Alistair Schofield (Chair) Cllr Tim Moody Cllr John Cherry
Cllr Matthew Hale Cllr Steve Ludbrook Cllr James Logan
Cllr Judith Evans Cllr Jacky Jones

IN ATTENDANCE: Minutes taken by the Clerk
4 Members of Public up to and including 2025/12/140(a)
North Herts Council Community Partnership Tracy Westgate
County Councillor Steve Jarvis

2025/12/136 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Stewart Clifford

2025/12/137 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2025/12/138 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

2025/12/139 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13th November 2025 were approved and duly authorised by the Chairman.

2025/12/140 PLANNING

- a) Council will discuss all planning applications relevant to the Parish. As at the date of this Agenda, the following applications have been received:
 - Planning Consultation 25/02950/FP Everglades Maiden Street SG4 7AA. NO OBJECTION subject to amendments agreed by the applicant.
- b) NHC Decision Notices:
 - 25/02292/LBC. Glebe Cottage, Church Lane SG4 7D. LBC GRANTED.
 - 25/02291/FPH. Glebe Cottage, Church Lane SG4 7D. PERMISSION GRANTED
 - 25/02757/LDCLB Far End, Maiden Street SG4 7DL. WORKS CERTIFIRD LAWFUL.
 - 25/01141/FP Irongate Barn, Halls Green SG4 7DR. PERMISSION GRANTED
 - 25/01935/FP Irongate Barn, Halls Green SG4 7DR. PERMISSION GRANTED
 - 25/01936/LBC Irongate Barn, Halls Green SG4 7DR. LBC GRANTED.
- c) Roundwood GA1. No updates for this meeting.
- d) GA2. No updates for this meeting.
- e) WE1. No updates for this meeting.

2025/12/141 FINANCE, GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION

- a) The following items were approved for payment:
 - Clerk Salary (November 2025) - £360.00 (Standing Order)
 - Clerk Expenses (Castle Water) - £10.23
 - Weston Village Hall Invoice (Hall Hire) - £15.00
 - Bullards Invoice 8473 (Grass Cutting) - £4,048.85
 - Alistair Schofield Expenses (Christmas Celebrations) - £184.96
 - Alistair Schofield Expenses (Timber for Roof Repairs) - £208.27
 - Tim Moody (David Baines Christmas Tree Electricity) - £82.50
 - Playdale Playgrounds (Replacement Rope) - £217.03

- b) Christmas Celebrations. Council extend their thanks to all residents who held a refreshment stall at this event. Council also extended their thanks to Father Christmas, Rudolph and the team of elves who did such a fantastic job.
- c) Grant Application Weston Luncheon Club. Council agreed to give a grant of £356 towards capital items. To be paid immediately.
- d) Consultation on North Hertfordshire Town Centres Strategy. The link to this consultation to be placed on the village Facebook page.

2025/12/142 VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT including FOOTPATHS and MAINTENANCE

- a) Playground Inspections. The Inspector has notified Council of all high and medium risk incidents:
 - The multiplay access element rope has sharp strands and has detached from the frame creating a hazard. A new rope has been ordered.
 - A tree swing needs to be removed from the Snipe play area. Cllr Schofield to remove.
 - The activity trail posts are rotten and needs replacing. Council have obtained a quote to carry out remedial work at a cost of £2,000. Cllr Schofield to confirm details of the quotation with the supplier and place the order if this will result in a like-for-like replacement.
- b) Red Path Resurfacing. Council extended their thanks to Cllr Moody for the work undertaken to date. Council agreed to order 4 more bags of hardcore to complete the jog at a cost of approximately £200. Action Cllr Hale.
- c) Replacement dog bin for the Recreation Ground. Cllr Schofield to identify the correct item to order.
- d) Litter Picking. Saturday 10th January. To meet 0930 at the Village Hall and Rising Sun.
- e) Reported Items.
 - The speeding sign on Fore Street is not working. Cllr Schofield to report.
 - The speeding sign between Halls Green and the school is obscured. Cllr Logan to report.
 - Cllr Moody requested that the filling in the eroded sections to the side of a section of Hitchin Road be considered when the road is resurfaced next year. Cllr Schofield to pass the message to Ringway.

2025/12/143 RECREATION GROUNDS and SPORTS FACILITIES

- a) Changing Room Roof. The timber has been purchased. Cllr Schofield and Cllr Hale to progress.

2025/12/144 HIGHWAYS and LIGHTING

Nothing to report.

2025/12/145 MATTERS ARISING

Nothing to report.

2025/12/146 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING Thursday 8th January 2026 at 7.30pm

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20:37

Signed.......... Chairman

Date: 8th January 2026